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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Margaret G. Moore

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 to 12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9 to 12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 to 6, 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

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1. Claims 9 to 12 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend upon another multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 9 to 12 have not been further treated on the merits.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 to 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eckberg et al.

Eckberg teaches epoxysilicone-polyether block copolymers. See for instance the general formula on column 5, lines 10 to 20, in which R can be an epoxy group. Also note Example 7 on column 13 which meets the end structure (1) as well as the requirements for “m” and “n”. This also meets the particular epoxy group in claim 4 and the polyether organic polymer of claim 8. For claims 2 and 3, see the specific epoxy compounds taught on column 7, lines 25 to 30. (Though not under consideration the Examiner notes that the method of preparing this polymer is within claims 9 and 10.)

4. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takami et al.

The basis for this rejection relies on the fact that the organopolysiloxane backbone in Takami et al. meets the breadth of “organic polymer” as found in claim 1. Takami et al. teaches epoxy terminated siloxanes. See the siloxane on column 3, lines 35 to 40. This meets instant claims 1 and 4.

5. Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 01/05862, as interpreted by the English language equivalent Goda et al.

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The basis for this rejection relies on the fact that the organopolysiloxane backbone in WO 01/05862 meets the breadth of "organic polymer". See the Figure 2 which shows an organic polymer (note for instance that the methoxy groups are organic) having terminal epoxy groups that meet that in claim 6. Also see column 5 and example 2 which prepares a polymer having Si bonded methyl groups in the backbone.

6. Claims 1 to 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 01/30930.

The basis for this rejection relies on the fact that the organopolysiloxane backbone in WO 01/30930 meets the breadth of "organic polymer". This reference teaches siloxanes having terminal groups meeting (1). See for instance S3 on page 10, which meets claim 4, and S9, which meets claim 5. Note also the epoxy Z groups taught on page 7, which meet the terminal groups of claims 2 and 3.


7. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art fails to teach or suggest an organic polymer backbone as found in claim 7. The Examiner notes that the International Search Report provided by applicants cites only "A" references for this claim.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret G. Moore whose telephone number is 571-272-1090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 10am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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